

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 14, 2006, applicant amends this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.